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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a solar energy minimum purchase standard
2 applicable to specified electric utilities.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 476.44, subsection 2, Code 2018, is
2 amended by striking the subsection.

3 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. **476.44B Solar energy minimum purchase**
4 **standard.**

5 An electric utility required to be rate-regulated under this
6 chapter shall produce or purchase, by July 1 of the designated
7 year, the following minimum amounts of electricity generated by
8 solar energy facilities:

- 9 1. One thousand five hundred megawatts in 2020.
- 10 2. Two thousand megawatts in 2022.
- 11 3. Three thousand megawatts in 2025, and each year
12 thereafter.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 Electric utilities are currently required to either own or
17 purchase their proportionate share of 105 megawatts of power
18 from alternative energy production facilities or small hydro
19 facilities, as those terms are defined in Code section 476.42.
20 That proportionate share is allocated by the Iowa utilities
21 board.

22 This bill replaces this requirement with a solar energy
23 minimum purchase standard applicable to electric utilities
24 required to be rate-regulated under Code chapter 476. The
25 bill requires rate-regulated electric utilities to either
26 produce or purchase the following amounts of solar energy as
27 specified: 1,500 megawatts by July 1, 2020; 2,000 megawatts
28 by July 1, 2022; and 3,000 megawatts by July 1, 2025, and each
29 year thereafter.